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SUBJECT : UNDERGROUND RESISTANCE MOVEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN SOCIALIST PARTY
IN HUNGARY. (Preliminary report)

7 June, 1951

INTRODUCTION: This is a preliminary and summary report on the CHRISTIAN
SOCIALIST PARTY in HUNGARY to be read in conjunction with ~~MAVA-8325~~
~~MAVA-8325~~, its intention is to give to the reader additional information on the
nature and ideology of the CSP, its seriousness, organizational strength, leader-
ship, party affiliations, security and threat of a provocation and to enable the
reader to do some general planning until detailed report is submitted by this
agent. Source of the information contained in the report that follows was secured
through interrogation of Ferenc FARKAS, member of the central committee of the CSP
in the capacity as ideologist. (see report on F enclosed). F is incapable to give
short answers and it has taken great amount of time to extract the information that
follows although he must be described as cooperative. In addition to the interro-
gation, many hours of discussion has taken place and F has written close to 100
pages of material in answer to written questions by this writer. This material will
be translated from Hungarian into English by this agent and transcribed in detail
but omitting the irrelevant oratory and then followed by a detailed comment, eval-
uation and recommendations.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: To give an overall picture of the CSP the general des-
cription is divided into the following sections:

a. Ideology. In order to avoid philosophy translation of Farkas's definition is
quoted herewith. "To set up, secure with law and public enforcement agencies such
a social order which contains every condition of the Christian human life". Every
former socialist movement, whether national socialist, social democrat or commu-

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nist is wrong. Actually there is no difference between the Christian Democrat Parties and the planned Christian Socialist party form. The word "socialist" wants to accent the democratic christian socialist form of government.

b. Programme. The foundation of the CSP in Hungary is just part of the future to be World Christian Socialist Party therefore the programme is subdivided into two sections. 1., to unite all anti bolshevist christian and democratic elements, to keep their hopes alive and to educate the leaders. This is being done. Further to organise and keep up a skeleton party organisation till liberation comes and to be ready immediately after liberation to enter active politics. 2., In worldwide relation the programme is to set up in the free states of Europe and in the United States a Christian Socialist Party, next set up a united organisation of all the Christian Socialist parties and on the end create a worldwide authority for all CS parties. Parallel with this activity an educational reform must be conducted in order to arrive to a partyless world authority, (note: on christian socialist basis though).

c. Organisation. The party is actually organised along the lines described in the LIS report but it has been proven by this interrogator that it is not a functioning party. It has to be yet proven that the claimed organisation exists. Source claims that when ever the chairman of the CSP Loltan CSIZMADL inspected lower groups, he found them all to exist. Verbal reports are passed up from lower to higher echelons irregularly, reliability of which can not be proven at this time. No continuous commands are passed up or down. The three main groups, the intellectual group, workers group and partly armed organisation the "white guard" together with the central committee exists but it is certain at this stage of the interrogation that it is at a rather preliminary stage of the buildup and not an efficiently functioning organisation. Detailed elaboration will follow.

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d. Leadership: Only three energetic leaders seem to emerge from the words of source. They are the two brothers, the chairman of the MR Toivan CSIZMADLA and his brother Geru CSIZMADLA an about 40 years old roman catholic piarist order priest teacher. The latter was not mentioned in any of the MIS reports, neither was he written up in a list given by source to MIS. Whether this was an attempt of source to hide the piarist order connections at that stage of the interrogation is just a suspicion of this writer, it has to be proven yet. Bela KELLERT, commander of the white guard, former active officer, contact man of several other Hungarian underground organizations is the third strong and active personality. There is a group of theology and philosophy professors from various Hungarian universities in the brain trust of the party, either as active or as contributing members. A section of the catholic church in Hungary seems to lead party undercover in the direction of the party.

e. Connections: The church and university professor group connection are mentioned above, investigation of these connection must be continued. Source is not well enough informed to give all the answers. Whether CSIZMADLA or any of the other people of the central committee are innocent plants of the AVO could not be proven and there was no indication that so ever to suspect any direct connections to the AVO or any other Hungarian or other communist intelligence organization. Through KELLERT there are definite connection to the Knight Templars, a catholic underground order designed for resistance supposedly having 7000 members and to an underground organization of former Hungarian army officers having connections with refugee LA officers in the west.

f. Detailed evaluation can obviously follow only when the detailed report is completed. This agent feels that there is a nucleus of catholic anticommunist elements who have set up an underground party organized on a cell system. Membership is probably a fraction of the claimed 17,000 but it seems party cells do exist all over Hungary. The possibility of a plant is not probable on the basis of the evidence (all verbal) presented by source therefore investigation must be continued

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and conducted in detail and all references given by source must be traced to prove the reliability of the members and the claimed leaders inside of Hungary. This way the suspicion of a plant could be thrown aside altogether.

g. Recommendations: All cooperation should be given to this agent to complete his interrogation and investigation and if he can prove that the reliable christian anticommunists exist then plans may be formed to make use of the existing potential resistance movements inside of Hungary and set up an operation.

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